



Captain James M. Garnett isn't Glad

The following letter from our old friend and comrade of the Stowell Brigade staff, Captain James Mercer Garnett, distinguished scholar and soldier, who was for a while on General Jackson's staff as ordnance officer, and who won distinction in many battles, and special mention in the official reports for special gallantry and effective staff service in the battle of Cedar Run, shows that he is as staunch and true in these piping times of peace as he was in war.

R. W. H.
1316 Bolton Street, Baltimore, Md.
July 2, 1909.

Major Robert W. Hunter:
My Dear Bob—I picked up the Weekly Times-Dispatch yesterday afternoon, and found your article in the Confederate Column, so the spirit moves me to write at once and thank you for it. There is so much "booh" to use no stronger word—written and talked on this subject that it does my heart good to find a few of "the old line" still living; but soon we'll all be gone, and then who will be left to uphold our principles? I should be sorry to think that our four years' toils and sufferings, and the lives of our comrades, had no other result than to cause us to say it is best that we failed.

I shall go under the sod before I shall ever agree to that. I don't propose to start another war, but I firmly believe that my action from 1861-1865 was eternally right, and it would require a direct revelation from heaven to convince me to the contrary. There is certainly no one on earth that is capable of doing it.

I shall spend the few remaining days of my earthly pilgrimage in continual regrets that I did not succeed. We deserved success, and on more than one occasion we came powerful nigh it. I don't consider that the material prosperity of these United States is the only thing to be considered. I should have been satisfied with a little less prosperity for the Confederate States and a little more satisfaction with my own government, a government run more in accordance with my own ideas, with the principles of right and justice.

This country is plenty big enough for two republics, and I should have been very willing to divide it by Mason and Dixon's line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. That was the proper line of division, even if it did cut California in two, she could stand it. But the mighty dollar influenced the majority, and the idea of "bigness" predominates.

See an article in the Baltimore Sun of recent date, quoted from the Charleston News and Courier's comment on Secretary Dickinson's speech at Gettysburg. The Charleston paper is right, and the secretary is wrong.

Queries & Answers

Address "Query Editor, Times-Dispatch, Richmond, Va." Sign real name. Give, if desired, full name for publication. Persons asking for poems, etc., should send stamp.

A Question of Expense.

It is understood that salaries of division school superintendents may not be increased or reduced during their term of office. Does this prevent county school boards from paying the traveling expenses of such superintendents? TRUSTEE.

Stanton, Va.
No, it does not.

Names in Hall of Fame.

Please give reasons in brief why names of Mary Lyon, Emma Willard, Maria Mitchell, Jane Kent and Asa Gray are recorded in National Hall of Fame of our country, in next Sunday's issue.

Stovall, N. C.

Mary Lyon, as educator and founder of Mount Holyoke Seminary, South Hadley, Mass.; Emma Willard, as pioneer in the higher education of women for American women, the founder of Troy Female Seminary, New York, and writer on education; Maria Mitchell, as being one of the most famous women astronomers in the world, and head of the department of astronomy at Vassar College from the year 1865; James Kent, as famous jurist and auditor, professor of law at Columbia College, New York, and later justice, then chief justice of the Supreme Court of New York; and Asa Gray, as celebrated botanist, author and professor of natural history at Harvard University. His herbarium contained 200,000 specimens collected and arranged by him.

What Virginia Law Says.

If a wife in the State of Virginia having no children leaves her property—real estate—to her husband and he dies intestate, will the property go to her relatives? READER.

The law in Virginia is that when the deceased leaves no widow, children or descendants his father, if living, takes the entire estate; if the father is dead, then it goes to the mother, brothers and sisters, or their descendants.

The Day of the Month.

Will you please inform me through the Query Column of your next Sunday's paper what day of the month was the last Sunday in July of 1905, and oblige.

Church Road.

The last Sunday was July 30.

Our Insect Enemies.

Please answer through your paper the following question:
Do you know of any way to rid a house of the "brown waterbugs," when they are so numerous that they literally cover the floor and tables at night? If so, please mention same in your answer, and oblige.

A SUBSCRIBER.

Hydrocyanic acid, formed by the action of diluted sulphuric acid upon cyanide of potassium, is a sure but dangerous remedy against insect pests of all kinds. The formula for each 100 cubic feet of space to be treated is: Cyanide of potassium, 98 per cent pure, by weight, 1 ounce. Sulphuric acid, sp. gr. 1.83; by measure, 2 ounces. Water, 4 gallons.

Break the cyanide into small lumps and put the necessary amount in a thin paper bag. Put the water into a glazed earthenware vessel, then add the acid slowly. The water will heat as the acid is added, and will fume or bubble. When all the acid is added, drop in the bag containing the cyanide and get out. The formation of the gas will be retarded for a few moments while the acid gets through the paper, and this will give an opportunity to close the door, place a damp towel or other cloth at the bottom, plug the keyhole with cotton and leave the room tightly closed for some hours. The order of mixing

equally. If both parents are dead, then to the brothers and sisters or their descendants equally. Of course, the terms of the supposed will's will would have a bearing on the case.

Deers Shed Their Antlers.

Does a deer shed his horns, or is that a wrong comes out for every year of his life? READER.

Deers shed their antlers and renew them completely every year. When fully grown the antlers branch several times, but the first pair, which are grown during the second year, are only two straight and slender spikes. The antlers are shed close to the head and are fully renewed by rapidly growing out in a soft state, called "the velvet."

Swarming of Bees.

Please tell me if bees swarm once or twice a year, and at what time.

C. P. P.

Swarming with bees is the result of an abundant secretion of honey and from having combs crowded with bees and brood, and not from fixed habits in the bees. It is so that they may swarm once or twice. Usually in spring or summer.

Do They Share Equally?

When a man dies, leaving property and no wife, do his half brothers come in for an equal share with his full brothers? READER.

Barhamville, Va.
When a man dies without a will and leaves no wife, children or parents, his brothers and sisters and their descendants inherit his estate on equal shares.

What Is His Interest?

A woman inherits from her parents by will real estate, with this clause: "Tree from all marriage contracts." After her death without will, what interest has her husband in the estate? If he should qualify as guardian of the children, could the executor of the estate prevent him from selling or disposing of the estate for the children's support, the income being sufficient for their support? READER.

The same rules apply to the estate of a male and female in regard to its distribution, except in States where the right of a husband to his deceased wife's estate differs from that of a wife in the estate of her deceased husband. According to the laws of Virginia, if a woman dies without will, her husband inherits from her without will, and the widow has one-third and the residue is divided equally among the children. But in case of the husband's

should be carefully observed, as if the water were poured into the acid the first few drops would cause a boiling so violent as to splutter the acid volume in every direction. It is also well to have the vessel large enough to hold at least twice the amount of liquid required. After several hours open a window or transom from the outside, and allow the steam to escape for about twenty minutes before going into the room. Then open all the windows and doors and air the room thoroughly. The acid is harmless to fabrics and not injurious to metals. Open all trunks and receptacles of every kind in a room that is being treated with it.

Railroad Offices.

Will you please let me know where the general offices of the Virginian Railroad are located? J. S. Norfolk, Va.

Virginia Governors.

Please answer the following questions in the Query and Answer Column of the Times-Dispatch:

1. Please give a short sketch of ex-Governor Fred. W. Holliday, during the War Between the States, was in the living ex-Governors of Virginia. A. C. M. Syracuse, N. Y.

1. Full name Frederick William Mackey Holliday, son of Dr. Richard J. M. Holliday, born in Winchester, Va., February 22, 1825. He graduated with honors from Yale College in 1847, adopted law, a profession, and graduated in law from the University of Virginia. Was soon after elected Commonwealth's attorney for Winchester and Frederick county. Went out as captain of a Winchester (Va.) company, in Stonewall Jackson's Brigade, during the War Between the States. Was promoted to the command of the regiment, and lost a right arm at the battle of Cedar Run August, 1862. He afterwards served as a member of the Confederate Congress. Entered upon his administration as Governor of Virginia January 1, 1864. Retired to his home at the end of his four years' term, and passed the remainder of his life at Winchester, where he is buried. He was twice married, but left no children.

2. J. Hoge Tyler. Andrew Jackson Montague.

Names of Schools.

Please let me know the addresses of several schools (the teach mechanical and applied art, such as taught in the graded schools of the country; something like Pratt in New York. SUBSCRIBER.

The Virginia Mechanics' Institute, Eleventh and Broad Streets, Richmond, and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Blacksburg, Va.

Concerning the Auto Buggy.

Is there a license required for using auto motor buggy in country? Back, Va.

All automobiles are required to be registered at the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, this city. The fee is \$2.14.

A Sure Cure.

Can any one tell me a remedy for pimples and blackheads? I want a sure cure. A SUBSCRIBER.

The sure cure of the cure depends more on the person than the remedy. The skin should be washed thoroughly with hot water and a good hygienic soap at night. Put a few drops of benzoin in the water. Then, using the best cold cream or a highly recommended skin food, and give the skin a gentle massage, covering every part of it. Wipe it carefully with a very soft cloth afterward. Do this at night. A dash of very cold water in the morning will act as a tonic and close the pores of the skin. Live lightly and regularly, avoiding sweets, fats and acids. Take a plenty of exercise and sleep. Do not expect immediate results. Your skin will improve by perseverance and slow degrees.

Please tell me to whom I must apply for information in regard to employment on Panama Canal. Stanford, Va. A READER.

It depends on the nature of the work you wish to do. Lieutenant Colonel Geo. H. S. A. is in charge of construction and engineering; Major D. D. Galliard, of excavating and dredging; Major W. L. Sibert, department of locks and dam construction, and so on. An application addressed to any one of these officials, Panama Canal, Central America, would doubtless receive consideration.

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Member of Quorum.

1. What is "quorum" in Virginia history? Colonel Isaac Hill is said to have been "member of the quorum" in 1702-14.

2. When was Virginia divided into counties? Please give the names of the original counties. What were wills, deeds, etc., recorded before there were any county clerks? A. T. G. Nashville, Tenn.

1. To belong to the "quorum" was to sit on the bench as a Justice of the Peace.

2. Eight counties were organized in 1684—James City, Henrico, Charles City, Elizabeth City, York, Isle of Wight, Northampton and Warwick. These were the original counties. Nansemond was organized in 1693, and others followed in historic sequence between 1700 and 1733. The original counties were: Northampton, Lancaster, Gloucester, Surrey, Westmoreland, New Kent, Stafford, Accomack, Middlesex, King and Queen, Norfolk, Prince George, Stafford, Richmond, King William, Prince George, Brunswick, Hanover, King George, Spotsylvania, Caroline, Frederick, Amelia, Orange, Augusta, Frederick, Fairfax, Louisa, Albemarle, Lunenburg, Chesterfield, Culpeper, Cumberland, Southampton, Dinwiddie, Halifax, Westmoreland, Prince Edward. The land patents of early days are in the Land Registry Office of the Capitol Building.

3. Before the days of county clerks and courts, records were kept in the parish registers of the colonial churches.

An 1846 Penny.

Please tell me how much a United States cent made in 1846, in good condition, is worth. J. W. B. Elkridge, Md.

The large copper cent of that period is worth 10c. The half-cent of that year is quoted at 40c. The head on the half-cent has the Liberty cap.

Spanish Silver Coin.

I have a Spanish silver coin about the size of a 25c piece, in perfect condition, dated 1721. Will you kindly inform me what it is worth? B. W. Petersburg.

Unless you give a more accurate description of your coin, it will be impossible to judge of its value. For four Spanish maravedis of the years 1718-1748, taking in the date you give, the price is stated to be from 15c to 20c. These coins are ornamented with the figure of a lion, however, and you only mention the date of yours. A description would aid in its identification.

According to Virginia Law.

My father bought a tract of land and deeded it to my mother, the deed stating, "I, John Smith, do hereby give and leave my mother, with three small children, she not being able to make a support for these children, married again a man who is proved to be of no account. Mother then died, leaving her children wholly unprotected. Has her husband a right to take his part of the house belonging before her death, or paid and then take a life right in the land and turn these children out without anything to do for the best of the family? If the husband again, can he enforce his right in favor of his second family? Or, could he make sale of his life interest in the property? S. A. T. Tabers, Va.

The terms of the wife's will would decide the matter. If she left no will, she inherits her personal estate. You mention his life interest in the land. His right to dispose of it would be governed largely by the interests and rights of other legatees mentioned by you as minors.

Would Will Be Legal?

If a married woman dies without issue, what part of her property would her husband inherit? It is said that if a married woman writes her own will without witnesses, in your opinion, would it be legally sound? J. H. T. Virginia.

If a woman inherits the entire personal estate of the wife. A will written by a married woman without witnesses is not in accordance with the legal requirements of this State, which demand that a will must be in writing, be signed by the testator and attested by two witnesses, who must sign their names in the presence of the testator.

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